BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:	JUNE 23, 2000)	
PETITION OF ON-SITE SYSTEMS, INC. TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY		,))	DOCKET NO. 00-00149

ORDER APPROVING PETITION OF ON-SITE SYSTEMS, INC. TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on April 25, 2000, for a decision on the Petition of On-Site Systems, Inc. ("On-Site") to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") for expansion of its service area to include the Harbor Pointe area of DeKalb County, Tennessee.

Legal Standard for Granting CCN

On-Site's Petition was made pursuant to and was considered in light of the criteria for granting a CCN as set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201, which provides, in pertinent part:

(a) No public utility shall establish or begin the construction of, or operate any line, plant, or system, or route in or into a municipality or other territory already receiving a like service from another public utility, or establish service therein, without first having obtained from the authority, after written application and hearing, a certificate that the present or future public convenience and necessity require or will require such construction, establishment, and operation, and no person or corporation not at the time a public utility shall commence the construction of any plant, line, system or route to be operated as a public utility, or the operation of which would constitute the same, or the owner or operator thereof, a public utility as defined by law, without having first obtained, in like manner, a similar certificate . . .

Background

On April 4, 1994, On-Site received a CCN in Docket No. 93-09040 from the Tennessee Public Service Commission to provide sewer service to Oakwood Subdivision in Maury County.

Since that time, through various other dockets, On-Site has been granted approval to expand its service territory to include other areas in Tennessee.

Petition to Amend CCN

On February 29, 2000, On-Site filed its Petition to amend its CCN to include the Harbor Pointe area of DeKalb County in its service territory. On March 1, 2000, On-Site filed with the Authority a map showing the area to which On-Site proposes to extend service. In its Petition, On-Site states that the water provider for the Harbor Pointe area, the DeKalb Utility District, has advised that it has no intentions of providing sewer service to the Harbor Pointe area. In addition, DeKalb County Executive Larry Webb has informed On-Site that DeKalb County has no plans to establish sewer service to the Harbor Pointe area. On-Site has also submitted to the Authority a letter from Johnny Jared, Water Superintendent for the City of Baxter, Tennessee, the city nearest to the Harbor Pointe area, stating that the City has no plans to provide sewer service to the Harbor Pointe area.

On-Site filed a rate schedule with its Petition which states that residential rates for the Harbor Pointe area will be as follows:

Total monthly charge	\$35.11	
Non-payment fee	5% of monthly charge	
Disconnection fee	\$10	
Reconnection fee	\$15	
Returned check fee	\$20	
Access fee	\$84/year	

The rate schedule does not list any commercial sewer rates for this area.

On April 25, 2000, On-Site's Petition came before the Authority at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference. Upon consideration of the Petition and pertinent portions of the record, the Authority finds that approval of On-Site's Petition would benefit the present and future public convenience and necessity. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201, the Authority grants On-Site's Petition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Petition of On-Site Systems, Inc. to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to expand its service territory to include the Harbor Pointe area of DeKalb County, as shown in the map filed with the Authority in this docket, in support of On-Site's Petition, is approved;
- 2. On-Site's rates for residential sewer service to the Harbor Pointe area shall be as listed in the rate schedule attached to On-Site's Petition and as set forth in this Order;
- 3. Any party aggrieved with the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Authority within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Order; and
- 4. Any party aggrieved with the Authority's decision in this matter has the right of judicial review by filing a Petition for Review in the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Middle Section, within sixty (60) days from the date of this Order.

Melvin J. Malone, Chairman

H Lynn Oreer, Jr., Direct

Sara Kyle Director

ATTEST:

K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary